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Shri B.S. Yediyurappa, Chief Minister, GoK, inaugurated the new building of Agriculture College at Bijapur Campus on September 23, 2009. Speaking on the occasion the chief minister assured to provide necessary grants for the development of post graduate center at Bijapur Campus. Shri S.A. Ravindranath, Minister of Agril. GoK, Shri Govind Karjol, district incharge minister, Shri Ramesh Jigajinagi, M. P, Shri Somanath Bagalkot, President Zilla Panchayat, Shri S.K. Bellubbi, Shri Appasaheb Pattanashetti, Shri Vittal Katakond MLAs and Dr. J.H. Kulkarni, Vice Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad were the dignitaries who inaugurated several new buildings at Bijapur Campus. Shri G.K. Kulakrni, Dr. Sarvabhoun Bagali, Shri C.S. Nadagoud, Shri M.B. Patil MLAs, Shri M.P. Nadagoud MLC and Dr. Y.B. Patil, Shri Gurunath Odugoudar, Shri A.D. Kotnal, Shri Shankargouda Police Patil and Smt. Isabella Selvaraj Xavier, Members of board of regents, UAS, Dharwad graced the occasion. Dr. A.R. Alagawadi, Dean of the College and staff members were present in the programme.



“Krishimela” a prestigious Raita Jaatre was organized during October 19-22, 2009 at UAS, Dharwad. Inaugurating the four day mega event on October 19, 2009, Shri S. A. Ravindranath, Minister of Agriculture, GoK, appreciated the research contributions of the University in serving the farming community of the state and opined that the event like Krishi mela is an effective platform to disseminate the technologies developed amongst the farmers. Shri Murugesh Nirani, Minister of Large Scale Industries in his presidential remarks stressed for the proper implementation of **Bhoo- chetana** scheme in the state to increase the crop production in dryland areas which ultimately increase the food production in the state. Shri Veeranna Mattikatti, Speaker, Legislative Council, GoK, Shri Prahlad Joshi, MP, Shri Basavaraj Horatti, MLC and Shri Chandrakant Bellad, MLA were the chief guests on the occasion and called upon the farmers to utilize the services of the University and opportunities provided in the krishi mela. Prof. I.G. Sanadi, Ex. M.P., Shri Mohan Limbikai,

From the Diary of Vice-Chancellor



Dr. J. H. Kulkarni

- Participated in the meeting of Karnataka Krishi Mission at Bangalore on September 11, 2009
- Participated in the Krishimela 2009 on September 19, 2009, inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, GOK, Sri S.A. Ravindranath.
- Participated in a programme at Bijapur campus of the University on September 23, 2009, wherein Shri B.S.Yediyurappa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka inaugurated new buildings
- Visited sugarcane fields at Mudhol and participated in the Inaugural programme of *Institute of Organic Jaggery Preparation Technology* at ARS, Mudhol on September 24, 2009, which was inaugurated by Shri B.S.Yediyurappa, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka.
- Participated in the Inaugural function of *Oyster Mushroom Unit and New Agriculture Research Station, Malagi* which were inaugurated by Sri Vishveshwara Hegde Kageri, Hon'ble Secondary Education Minister, GOK on September 27, 2009.
- Handed over the charge of the post of Vice chancellor on September 29, 2009, on completion of the tenure to Dr. H.S. Vijaya Kumar, Registrar of the University as per Notification No. GS 7 AUD 2009, dt. 26.9.2009 of H.E.Governor and Chancellor of Universities in Karnataka.



Vice-Chancellor Nominated

As per the notification No.GS/7/AUD/2009 dt: 26-9-2009 of H.E.Governor and Chancellor of Universities in Karnataka, Dr. H.S.Vijayakumar, Registrar, UAS, Dharwad has assumed the charge of the position of Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad from Dr.J.H.Kulkarni on the afternoon of September 29, 2009.

Dr. H. S. Vijayakumar

- Presided over the inaugural function of National Symposium on "Integrated Approaches in the Sustainable Management of Plant Diseases" organized by the Division of Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture, Dharwad which was inaugurated by Shri Mohan Limbikai, MLC on October 9, 2009.
- Addressed a press meet along with the Scientists and Officers of the University on October 16, 2009 in the main campus and appraised about the research developments of Bt Brinjal at UAS, Dharwad.
- Participated as a Member in the 2nd State Level Nodal Agency Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Addl. Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore on October 26, 2009.
- Participated in the meeting of post flood management strategies held on October 27, 2009, under the chairmanship of Dr. K.S. Ramachandra, Member (Technical Expert-AH&F) wherein, Officers of UAS, Raichur, Director, KSDMC and other senior officials of the State Departments participated.

Ad-hoc Research Projects Sanctioned

The details of *ad-hoc* research projects sanctioned during the period are as under.

S1. No.	Title of the project	Name of the Principal Investigator	Duration (in years)	Budget (Rs in lakhs)	Funding agency
1.	Survey and identification of waste land available with marginal small and SC/ST farmers for prospective converting into productive land in Haveri district of Karnataka	Dr. H. Shivanna Professor of Forest Management, College of Forestry, Sirsi	01	3.20	DST, New Delhi
2.	Generating new wheat germplasm with enhanced drought/heat tolerance using AB genomes genetic diversity under generation challenge programme	Dr. I. K. Kalappanavar Head, AICRP on Wheat, MARS, Dharwad	03	47.80	CIMMYT, Mexico through Agarkar Research Institute, Pune

Post Graduate Education

The details of students who have completed their Post Graduate Programme during the period under report are as under

Doctor of Philosophy

Agril. Microbiology : Chandragouda R. Patil

Horticulture : Shalini M.

Master Degree

Agribusiness Management : Sandesh K. C.

Agricultural Economics : Mohan H. P., Nagendra, Ravikumar K.. T.

Horticulture : Ajit Ingale, Hanumantha Virupannavar

Plant Biotechnology : Archana Kumari.

Genetics and Plant Breeding : Somashekar Guddadamath , Ashok Shindhe, Mahantesh Allolli.

Agricultural Entomology : Mohammed Abdul Waseem, Swamy L., Suresh Kulagod , Netravati C. J.

Agricultural Extension Education : Sudhir, Bommayya Naik, Suresh Kumar , Desai Monika Daulatarao, Umamaheshwar M. S, Hinge Rishikesh Balasahab.

Food Science and Nutrition : Kashibai Khyadagi

Seed Science and Technology : Shakuntala N. M., Gnyandeva B.

Food Science and Nutrition : Meena Preeti B, Ankita Mundra.

Agricultural Statistics: Swetha K. S. Chetana M. M., Deepak Joshi.

Seed Science and Technology : Bharati Belur, Vithal Rathod.

Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry : Nyape Bam.



An Orientation programme was arranged on October 12, 2009 for the newly admitted students of diploma/certificate courses during 2009-10 at UAS, Dharwad. Totally 66 students with SSLC have got admission to the newly started one year duration diploma courses in the subjects like **Organic farming, Seed production, and Fashion & apparel designing** and 3-Months duration certificate course in **Dairying**.

Dr. B.M. Khadi, Dean (PGS), UAS, Dharwad briefed about the courses and welcomed the guests, students, staff and parents. Dr. J. H. Kulkarni, Former Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad highlighted the need of such practical oriented courses in agriculture for self employment of the rural unemployed youths. He narrated the relevance of each diploma course to reduce the unemployment problem and called upon the students to best utilize the opportunities provided in the esteemed University. Dr. H.S. Vijayakumar, Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad, opined that these short duration diploma/certificate courses are helpful for the unemployed youths deprived of higher education and the entrepreneurs involved in agriculture and its allied activities. He called upon the students to develop self confidence in establishing any enterprise under self employment programmes by undergoing practical training in these courses. He said that based on the success of these courses, few more diploma or correspondence courses will be started in future to help the rural unemployed youths. Dr. M. B. Chetti, Dr. Rama Naik and Dr. P. W. Basarkar deans of the University, course co-ordinators and teachers were present on the occasion. Mr. Y.R. Aladakkatti, compered and delivered vote of thanks.



A national symposium on **Integrated Approaches in the Sustainable Management of Plant Diseases** was jointly organized at UAS, Dharwad on October 9-10, 2009 by the Indian Society of Mycology and Plant Pathology (ISMPP), Udaipur and Division of Plant Pathology UAS, Dharwad. Dr. M.S. Patil, Councillor, ISMPP, briefed about the deliberations focusing on different aspects of plant pathology.

Inaugurating the symposium, Shri Mohan Limbikai, MLC stressed on the need to create awareness amongst the farmers to adopt scientific methods in balanced nutrition, soil and diseases management in different crops. Dr. Mishra, Former President of ISMPP called upon the pathologists to develop disease resistant crop varieties through biotechnological means to avoid excessive use of pesticides in agriculture. Dr. J.H. Kulkarni, Former Vice-Chancellor UAS, Dharwad opined that such symposiums will have to address the issues relating to sustainable crop production through various management aspects. Dr. R. R. Hanchinal, Director of Extension expressed that pathologists and crop breeders have to work collectively to evolve effective technologies. Dr. H. S. Vijayakumar, Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad in his presidential remarks outlined the achievements of the University and hoped that the symposium would provide new insights in the sustainable management of plant diseases through integrated approaches which prevent huge losses in agriculture. Dr. V. I. Benagi, HOD (Plant Pathology) briefed about the symposium and welcomed the guests and the gathering. Dr. L. Manjunath compered the programme and Dr. I. K. Kalappanavar delivered vote of thanks.

Post flood 'Shramadan' by students

Students of College of Agriculture, Bijapur undertook **shramadhan** (voluntary work) in Kotaly village which was badly affected by recent heavy rains and floods under the guidance of Dr. A. R. Alagawadi, Dean of the College. Several houses were collapsed, village roads were blocked and lot of debris was left out in the villages due to flood. Anticipating possible spread of diseases in the village, student volunteers cleared the debris from road and drains, spread murrum on the roads for movement of vehicles and people. The village NGOs namely Vivekanand Voluntary Association, Gajanana Mandali, Mallikarjun Seva Sangha, Vivekanand Yuva Shakti Kendra Dhulakhed participated in the day long shramadana in the village.

Dr. Rajendra Poddar, Students Association Advisor, Dr. S. B. Jagginavar, NSS Programme Officer and several student leaders lead the team and guided the students. Swamy Nityasthanandaji and Swamy Raghavesahandaji of Shri Ramkrishna Ashram, Mysore appreciated the concern of the students and blessed them. Shri Bhimanagouda Patil, village leader expressed his gratitude on behalf of the villagers for the unselfish voluntary work of the college students.



VIPs at Hi Tech Horticulture



Shri A. Ramaswamy, Former Principal Secretary (A & H) and Chairperson, Karnataka Appellate Tribunal, Shri N. Kumar, Judge, High Court, Bangalore and Dr. H.S. Vijayakumar Vice Chancellor visited the Hi-Tech Horticulture

Project on October 10, 2009. Dr. A.A. Patil Professor and Head of the project briefed the dignitaries about the activities of the project.



Dr. S. K. Dutta, DDG (Crops), ICAR, New Delhi visited the seed unit of UAS, Dharwad on September 20, 2009 during krishimela and interacted with scientists of seed quality and research laboratory of the unit.



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MLC, Smt. Seema Masuti, Shri Shankar Patil Munenkoppa and Shri S. I. Chikkanagoudar MLAs, Shri Ishwarchandra Hosmani, President, BJP Kisan Morcha, Smt. Savitri Basavaraj Bhagavati, President Zilla Panchayat, Prof. Suresh S. Honnappagol, VC, KVAFSU, Bidar, Dr. B. V. Patil, Special Officer, UAS, Raichur and the members of the Board of Regents, UAS, Dharwad graced the occasion. Dr. J.H. Kulkarni, Vice Chancellor briefed about the event and recent developments and contributions of the University.

On October 20, 2009, the second day of the event felicitation programme to the *Shreshtha Krishika* and *Shreshtha Krishi Mahile* awardees was arranged. Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, Padamashri Dr. M. Mahadevappa Former Vice Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad and Former Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi greeted the awardees and appreciated the services of the research and extension scientists of the University in developing and disseminating the technologies. Dr. Pavan Kumar Dutta, DDG (Crops), ICAR, New Delhi, described the Krishimela-2009 as a suitable and effective forum for the transfer of technologies to the farming community. Dr. K. K. Kokate, DDG (Agril. Extn.) ICAR, New Delhi, inaugurated the farmers hostel and staff training units on the campus. Dr. J. H. Kulkarni, Vice - Chancellor in his presidential remarks called upon the farmers to interact with the scientists to update their knowledge about the crop production. Members of Board of Regents, UAS, Dharwad graced the occasion. As an unique event, thirty five *farmer scientists* have been identified from 12- districts of north Karnataka for their innovations in agriculture and allied activities. The innovations were documented and the innovative farmers were greeted and presented with the memento and certificate during Krishi mela. On October 19, 2009, Sri, Sri. Mrutunjaya Maha Swamiji, Falhareahwar Math, Awaradi, on October 20, 2009, Trivid Dashoha Poojya Sri Jagdguru Dr. Tontad Siddalinga Maha Swamiji, Yedyuru, Tontadarya Math, Dambal, Gadag and on October 21, 2009, Sri Sri., Vishwa Prasanna Theertha Swamiji, Kiriya Sri Padangalavaru, Pejavarmath, Udupi were the special guests during the "*Raitarinda raitarigagi programme*" and addressed the gathering on the occasion.

On October 22, 2009, the concluding day of the Krishi Mela, Sri Sri, Siddarameshwara Swamiji, Naganurmth, Belgaum and Sri. Sri. Siddalinga Sivacharya Maha Swamiji, Donur, Chanukotemath, Kottur were the special invitees who greeted the farmers and Dr. M. V. Rajshakaran, former Central Minister and Dr. Patil Puttappa veteran journalist spoke on the occasion. Dr. J. H. Kulkarni Vice - Chancellor in his presidential remarks revealed that a record number of 5.8 lakh people witnessed the krishi mela during the four days where in different scientific, commercial, extension institutions and small scale rural industries displayed their technologies, products, seeds, fertilizers, machinaries etc. in 450 stalls. He expressed his gratitude to all the public and private agriculture institutions, departments, industrialists, NGO's and all others who have participated and extended their co- operation and made the "Raitara Jaatre" a grand success.



Dr. Ashok Sajjan, Associate Professor (Seed Science and Technology) of Agriculture College, Bijapur participated in an International Training Programme entitled "*Plant Breeding and Seed Production*" at Sweden from September 7, to October 2, 2009. The training was organized by SIDA, Niras and Svalop consulting AB.



Dr. S. Lingaraju, Professor of Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture, Dharwad participated in the second *International Congress of Tropical Nematology* held in Maceio, Brazil during October 4 - 9, 2009 and delivered an invited talk on *PGPR for the suppression of plant nematodes*.



Dr. Sanjay B. Patil, Sugarcane Breeder and Head, ARS, Sankeshwar participated in the International Conference "*IDIII-Integrated Approaches to Improve Crop Production Under Droughtprone Environments*" held at Shanghai (China) during October 11-16, 2009 and presented a paper entitled *response of productive sugarcane selection to water limited conditions*

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Dr. J.H. Kulkarni Former Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad was felicitated on October 14, 2009 by the Association of Teachers Welfare, UAS, Dharwad on his completion of the tenure of Vice-Chancellor of UAS, Dharwad on September 29, 2009. Speaking on the occasion Dr. J.H. Kulkarni recalled the saga of his journey from his student life to the highest position in the University and attributed his success to the teachers of yesteryears. He called upon the teachers and scientists to have introspect of the quality and quantity of their contributions and rededicate themselves to the development of the University. Dr. H.S. Vijayakumar Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad in his presidential remarks said that the selfless, honest and efficient services of Dr. J.H. Kulkarni in various capacities in the University are commendable and appreciable.

Meanwhile, Sri Chandrakant Sonewane, Manager, State Bank of India, UAS, Dharwad Branch, was also felicitated by the Teachers Association on his promotional transfer from the UAS, Branch. Teachers and scientists were present on the occasion. Dr. D.P. Biradar, President, ATWUASD, welcomed the guests and Dr. N.R. Mammedesai Organising Secretary, ATWUASD compered and delivered vote of thanks.

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